



Upcoming Events

French Conversation

7-9PM: Beth Brennen's Home

Tuesday, March 31
Tuesday April 28
Tuesday, May 26
Tuesday, June 16

Côtes du Rhône Wine Tasting at April in Paris

7-8:30PM: Island Books

Thursday, April 16

Thonon-les-Bains Adult Delegation To Visit Mercer Island

15th Anniversary of Jumelage

July 7-13, 2015



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Bienvenue!

Thonon-les-Bains Adult Delegation

To Visit Mercer Island: July 7-13

15th Anniversary of Our Jumelage

Mercer Island Sister City looks forward to hosting a formal delegation from Thonon-les-Bains in celebration of the 15th anniversary of our Mercer Island-Thonon Sister City relationship. Recently, we were very excited to receive confirmation that Mayor Jean Denais, members of the Thonon City Council and Thonon adults totaling 15-20 will join us for Summer Celebration week. MISCA is looking forward to showing our French guests a great time – touring Mercer Island, Seattle and the greater Puget Sound region while showcasing our local food, history, arts, culture and especially our Island city.



Dominique Mouillet, Pres. Thonon Sister City Assn. & Chief of Staff to Mayor Jean Denais
Marie France Henin, VP Thonon Sister City Assn.

Community events to include our Thonon guests are being planned and we hope you will join in the celebration! Our guests will participate in the Saturday, July 11 Summer Celebration parade, followed by a community event at Mercerdale Field. Also supper events are being planned for Friday, July 10 and Monday, July 13 to which MISCA members will be invited. Watch for details in our upcoming emails and join in the fun!

For information, contact:

Rich Conrad, 232-9174 or raconrad@comcast.net
Linda Todd, 232-4570 or ljtodd@comcast.net



A Fabulous Exchange Experience For 25 Mercer Island Students

In Mercer Island Sister City Association's 7th student exchange with Thonon-les-Bains, France, 25 Mercer Island High School students were hosted by Thonon student families during mid-winter break and took part in the ongoing cultural exchange between our two cities. As student ambassadors for Mercer Island and our nation, they added to the ever deepening bond of friendship which has developed between the residents of our cities over 15 years of our jumelage (sister city pairing).

Thanks to the generous support and planning of the city of Thonon and our friends in their Sister City Association, a wonderful itinerary of activities awaited them in addition to the meaningful time they will each spend with their host families. Included, among many other experiences, were a boat trip on Lac Léman to Lausanne and the Olympic Museum, a visit to the Thursday Thonon market followed by a reception at the Hotel de Ville (City Hall), an evening of snowshoeing to a raclette fondue dinner in the Alps and a day of touring in Geneva.

Our students and their families now look forward to hosting Thonon's students in late October when they visit Mercer Island.

Mark your calendar!

How You Can Be A Part of The Thonon Delegation Visit

- Cheer on our Thonon visitors as they ride in the Summer Celebration parade on Sat., July 11.
- Attend the Jumelage Rededication and Veteran's Appreciation Ceremony at Summer Celebration following the parade on Sat., July 11.
- Join us for a supper honoring our Thonon guests: An elegant Celebration Soiree on Fri., July 10 and a festive and fun Potluck with entertainment on Mon., July 13. You're invited! Details coming soon!

**If you would like to help in some way with hosting our friends from Thonon in July, contact:
Rich Conrad at raconrad@comcast.net or 232-9174 or Linda Todd at ljtodd@comcast.net or 206-232-4570.**

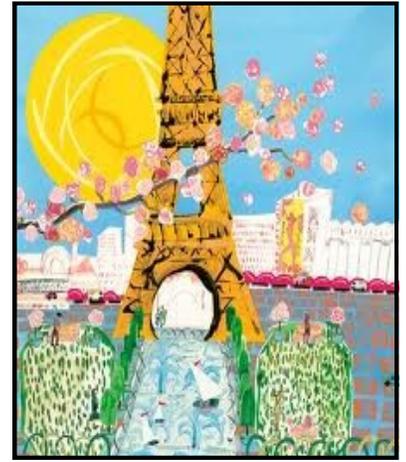
Côtes du Rhône Wine Tasting at April in Paris

Thursday, April 16

7-8:30PM

At Island Books • 3014 78th Ave SE • Mercer Island

Join us for a festive evening of browsing Mercer Island's charming, and French-focused for this evening, Island Books. The store will be featuring all things French related including fiction, non-fiction, travel, food and children's books in English with some in French. Also this year, a delightful selection of French Moulin Roty stuffed dolls and animals will be available. One of these cute and cuddly French characters would make a wonderful gift for a special child in your life.



A tasting of French wines from France's famous Côtes du Rhône wine appellation paired with delectable cheese tastings will be served, compliments of MISCA. Our selected wines include a white rated 90 by Wine Spectator and a red rated 90 by the Wine Advocate. Join us to taste these fabulous, while reasonably priced, Côtes du Rhône wines. Notes for each of the 3 wines will be available at the event.

This event is a benefit to support the Mercer Island Sister City Association scholarship fund. 20% of ALL sales at this event will benefit this cause.

**For information,
call Carla Peterson 232-5354.**

Hosted By: Island Books & Mercer Island Sister City Association



Cercle Francophone: Vous êtes invites

Join Us To Practice French In A Friendly Gathering

The Mercer Island Sister City Association's French Conversation Evenings are very informal gatherings intended for anybody who wants to improve his/her French. There's no format or agenda - and the only "rule" is that we speak French. All levels of French are welcome! Upcoming French Conversation Evenings will be:

TUESDAY EVENINGS, 7-9PM: APR 28 • MAY 26 • JUNE 16

Please note June date change.

At the home of Beth Brennen • 4140 96th Ave. SE, Mercer Island • Please RSVP to Beth: 232-7650

You will receive a reminder email on the Sunday prior to each French Conversation Evening. If you are not currently on our email reminder list, we will be happy to add you. Ask a MISCA board member at a French Conversation Evening or contact: kathyerickson@live.com.

We are seeking volunteers to host future home Conversation Evenings. A MISCA board member will lead the French conversation.

To volunteer to host, to learn details or for any questions, call Beth at 232-7650 or Monica at 232-2983.



Mercer Island Sister City Association Membership Form

Membership valid through December 2015.

For New or Renewal Membership

Membership Types

Individual Adult	\$25
Individual Youth	\$10
Senior Citizen	\$15
Family	\$30
Sponsor	\$50
Corporate	\$100
Patron	\$200
Donor	\$500
Benefactor	\$1000

Name: _____ Date _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Membership Type: _____ Check Enclosed: _____

Your membership will be effective through December 31, 2015.

Check Payable To: Mercer Island Sister City Association

Mail To: 7605 SE 27th Street, #109, Mercer Island, WA 98040

For Information: Contact Pat Shafer, 206-232-3685 or pat.shafer@comcast.net

Our usual June 2015 newsletter is being replaced by this issue plus an early summer update bulletin and invitation.

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